

THORPE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd October 2006

PRESENT: Mr R. S. James (Chairman) Mr E. A. Newberry
Mrs J. Baker Mr N. Shaw
Mr P. J. Harwood Mr D. R. C. Spooner
Mrs W. M. Howes Mrs Y. Utting
Mr J F Fisher Mr J. M. Ward

1.) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mrs O. M. Campbell, Mr D. E. Eley,
Mrs S. E. Eltringham, Mr I. J. Mackie,
Mr G. Rowe

2.) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R. S. James declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 13, Yarmouth Road Cemetery as a member of the parish church.

3.) COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2006, previously circulated to members, were approved and signed as a true record.

4.) Announcements

Chairman:

None.

Clerk:

The Clerk announced that an urgent confidential matter had arisen that would be added to the end of the agenda. A resolution to exclude members of the press and public, if any were in attendance, would be required when the matter was considered.

Future Agenda Items

None.

5.) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parish Constables:

The Parish Constables were in attendance and informed the meeting that crime figures were similar to the previous month. Test purchases of alcohol by under age persons would be made at local shops. Special attention would be given to Thorpe St Andrew School and to Halloween Night activities.

Items Raised by District and County Councillors:

County Councillor Mr I. J. Mackie announced that the appointment of the Head Teacher of the new primary school was imminent and that a new Head had been appointed at St Williams School. There was an opportunity for the Parish Council to donate a public clock at a cost to be confirmed if the Council wished to proceed further.

Mr J. F. Fisher advised that the District Council would carry out a further review of use of the Village Hall as a polling station for the May 2007 elections following the recent improvements to the car park and paths.

Mr N. Shaw as a member of the county Fire and Community Protection Committee informed the meeting of possible new regulations and legislation that were under consideration.

Members of the public

Mr P. Rope informed the meeting of the Tree Warden A.G.M. that was taking place in Cambridge. As an allotment holder he had some concerns regarding the possible formation of an allotment association and also with regard to the sub-division of plots to tackle the current long waiting list.

A member of the public raised the issue of the tree belt behind Naseby Way. Work including thinning and pruning was due to start in May but no work had been carried out to date. He was assured that the work was imminent.

6.) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Cheques numbered 001922 to 001965 to 002001 totalling £28,685.95p, vouchers 705 – 798 on the 2006/07 payments list were approved and signed.

7.) COMMITTEES

Events Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th September were noted. Four members volunteered to assist with refreshments at the Illuminated Kite Flying evening on 21st October.

Plans Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 11th September were presented by the Chairman, Mr J. F. Fisher, and noted.

Beacon Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2006 were presented by the Chairman, Mr J. F. Fisher, and noted.

Recreation and Amenities Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 25th September were presented by the Chairman, Mr D. R. C. Spooner, and noted.

Report of Meeting with Village Hall Users regarding the proposed new hall

The draft minutes of the meeting were presented by the Chairman, Mr R. S. James, and noted.

8.) Morse Pavilion

Sir Jeremy Morse had offered to contribute £1000.00p towards improvements to mark his official opening of the Pavilion in 2005 and had provided suitable wording for a plaque that would be erected.

9.) Broadland District Council

(i) Building Resilience for Broadland

A request for volunteers to assist in the event of an emergency would be placed on the parish notice boards as requested by the District Council.

(ii) Casual Vacancy for a Parish Council Member

No request had been received to fill the vacancy previously advertised. The Parish Council could fill the vacancy by co-option. Forms for a candidate's consent to nomination would be available from the Parish Council office.

(iii) Skateboarding facilities

The District Council had forwarded a copy of a letter from some younger residents of the parish who had asked if the Council would provide skateboarding facilities. The request would be passed to the Recreation Committee for consideration.

10.) Norfolk County Council

i.) Cycle pedestrian conflict

Information on police accident records involving cycle/pedestrian conflict was noted.

ii.) SouthHill Road

The Temporary Traffic Order closing the road from the 9th October to 4th December 2006 was noted.

iii.) Order prohibiting use by vehicles of South Hill Road

Contents of the Order were noted.

11.) Thorpe St Andrew School Sponsorship

The acknowledgement was noted.

12.) Salvation Armyt

Acknowledgement of the £50.00 donation to the Kldz Klub was noted.

13.) Yarmouth Road Cemetery

The church understood that it could be possible for the Parish Council to be granted a lease for the cemetery. It was **AGREED** that this should not be considered until the future of the Cemetery Trust had been resolved.

14.) Raising the Standard

The report of the meeting attended by Mr R. S. James was noted.

15.) Closure of Rural Post Offices

Dr Ian Gibson M.P. had written to confirm that he would support moves to oppose the closure of Post Offices.

16.) ENCAMS - Training

Details of training to enable enforcement under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 was noted.

17.) Archiving historic records

The Norfolk Record Office would be prepared to hold the records of the Parish Council on deposit to enable the council to retain ownership. The Thorpe History Group records could also be accepted if the group wished.

18.) NCAPTC – Members Survey

The Clerk was instructed to complete the survey.

19.) Community Champions Fund

Information on the grant scheme was noted.

20.) Royal British Legion

Information on the ceremony at the War Memorial and the Remembrance Day parade and service was noted.

21.) Norfolk Constabulary Call Centre Statistics

Information on the call centre performance and new crime logging system was noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Parish Council on 6th November 2006 at the Meeting Room, Dussindale Centre.

CONFIDENTIAL ADDENDUM TO 2ND OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

It had been brought to the attention of the Clerk that Thorpe Players had not renewed their theatre licence in sufficient time for it to cover the production that would take place later in the week.

An unlicensed performance could not be sanctioned by the Parish Council and further advice would be obtained. Mr J. Ward considered the disappointment that would be caused if the production was postponed would not be acceptable.